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ICE DEPORTS MEXICAN LINKED TO KIDNAPPING A 7-YEAR-OLD BOY

ATLANTA—A 19-year-old man wanted by Mexican authorities for kidnapping a 7-year-old boy was deported on March 23rd to his home country of Mexico by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Jose Luis Alejandre-Geronima, who was deported under escort, was turned over to the proper Mexican authorities.



ICE and FBI special agents arrested Alejandre-Geronima in Charlotte, N.C. on Oct. 22, 2004.

Alejandre-Geronima admitted to being in the country illegally, and was subsequently placed in removal proceedings. An immigration judge found Alejandre-Geronima ineligible for any form of relief and ordered him removed from the country on Dec. 17, 2004.

“We will not provide a safe haven for criminals like Alejandre-Geronima,” said John A. Mata, field office director for detention and removal in Atlanta. “We are committed to restoring integrity to our nation’s immigration system by identifying and removing criminals with no legal right to remain in the United States.”

The office of Deportation and Removal Operations (DRO) is responsible for promoting public safety and national security by ensuring departure of all removable aliens from the United States through the effective enforcement of the nation’s immigration laws.

In Atlanta, ICE has arrested more than 500 criminal aliens since the beginning of fiscal year 05 which began on Oct. 1st. ICE removed over 3,392 illegal aliens from the Atlanta area in fiscal year 04; 2,105 were criminal aliens.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.